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## PARTIAL RE-OPENING OF CLOSURE OF SHELLFISH BEDS

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATER MONITORING AND STANDARDS

Public Notice of Partial Re-opening of Condemnation of Shellfish Beds

Pursuant to statutory authority granted the Department of Environmental Protection appearing at N.J.S.A 13:1B-4 and 58:24-1 et seq., and to assure that the public health is not imperiled by the consumption of shellfish that may be subject to pollution or to any other conditions which may render shellfish dangerous to health because of degraded water quality resulting from exceptional rainfall conditions from Hurricane Irene and the resulting impact on the waters of the State of New Jersey, the Department condemned and prohibited the harvesting of all shellfish from those State waters previously classified as Approved, Seasonally Approved and Special Restricted in the State of New Jersey.

As provided for in the aforementioned prohibition, having determined through sample monitoring that specific Approved, Seasonally Approved and Special Restricted waters of a portion of the Delaware Bay of New Jersey are now safe for the harvesting of shellfish in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:12 et seq., I revoke the prohibition on these waters and return them to their prior classification, effective immediately.

Specifically the areas involved with this partial re-opening include:

All of the New Jersey waters of the Delaware Bay south of a line from Ben Davis Point at Latitude 39 degrees 17 minutes 36.564 seconds N, Longitude -75 degrees 17 minutes 21.552 seconds W, southwest bound through sampling stations 3800F at Latitude 39 degrees 17 minutes 0.42 seconds N, Longitude -75 degrees 18 minutes 4.68 seconds W, and station 3800 at

Latitude 39 degrees 15 minutes 30.42 seconds N, Longitude -75 degrees 19 minutes 52.716 seconds W to a point on the state boundary line at Latitude 39 degrees 15 minutes 10.158 seconds N, Longitude 75 degrees 20 minutes 17.038 seconds W.

This re-opening applies <u>ONLY</u> to the shellfish waters specified above. This re-opening does not include the New Jersey Delaware Bay shellfish waters north of the line specified above, which will continue to be closed until FURTHER NOTICE.

DATE:

Bob Martin, Commissioner

## Waters involved in this re-opening order are shaded in grey.

